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1. PER REF (A) BURTCHAE LL, TENNECO GENERAL MANAGER, HAS REQUESTED SIXTH BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION TO WITHDRAW FROM SEARCH FOR MISSING PARTY. THIS MORNING IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE HELICOPTER HAD LANDED AND WAS BURNED. BURTCHAE LL BELIEVES THE MISSING PARTY IS BEING HELD IN THE AREA AND WITHDREW SEARCH PATROL IN ORDER TO PREVENT ARMED CONFRONTATION. ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE ASMARA RADIO REQUESTING INFORMATION ON MISSING PARTY. BURTCHAE LL HAS CONTACTED VILLAGERS AND FARMERS IN THE AREA THAT THE HELICOPTER LANDED.

2. CONGEN ATTEMPTED TO VISIT CAA DIRECTOR AT AIRPORT BUT
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POLICE GUARDS INFORMED ME THAT HE WAS NOT PERMITTED TO

ENTER HIS OFFICE. I CALLED TEGHEGN HAILU AT HOME TO INQUIRE ABOUT STRIKE AND INFORM HIM OF PROBLEM WITH C-141S. HE WAS VERY DESPONDENT AND REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO IDEA WHEN STRIKE WOULD BE OVER. I DID NOT PRESS THE ISSUE OF THE C-141. ON LATE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 27, A CHARTERED AIRCRAFT LANDED AND TOOK OFF IN ORDER TO EXPORT VEGETABLES TO EUROPE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT FARMERS HAVE LOST APPROXIMATELY ETH\$2 MILLION FROM LACK OF EXPORT OF VEGETABLE CROP AND THAT EXPORT AGENTS HAVE LOST ETH\$400,000. EVIDENTLY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE BY DE NADAI IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS SHIPMENT.

3. IEAF PERSONNEL ARRESTED THIS MORNING ARE BEING HELD FOR COURT MARTIAL BY THE SECOND DIVISION. POLICE GUARDS ARE RELATIVELY NORMAL IN THE CITY AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF EXCEPTIONAL TROOP MOVEMENTS. COLONEL SIBLEY REPORTS THAT ALL IS QUIET IN MASSAWA.
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